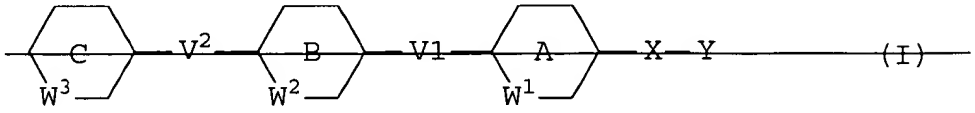
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

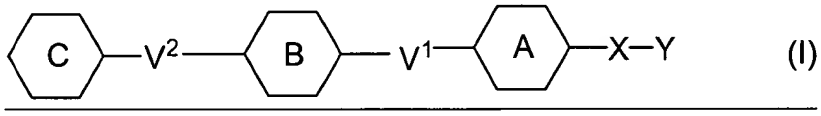
This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for treating graft immune diseases (chronic GVHD), ulcerative colitis, systemic lupus erythematodes, myasthenia gravis, systemic progressive scleroderma, rheumatoid arthritis, interstitial cystitis, Hashimoto's diseases, Basedow's diseases, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, Goodpasture's syndrome, atrophic gastritis, pernicious anemia, Addison diseases, pemphigus, pemphigoid, lenticular uveitis, sympathetic ophthalmia, primary biliary cirrhosis, active chronic hepatitis, Sjogren's syndrome, multiple myositis, dermatomyositis, polyarteritis nodosa, rheumatic fever, glomerular nephritis, lupus nephritis, IgA nephtopathy, allergic encephalitis, atopic allergic diseases, bronchial asthma, airway inflammation, allergic rhinitis, allergic dermatitis, allergic conjunctivitis, pollinosis, urticaria, food allergy, Omenn's syndrome, vernal conjunctivitis or hypereosinophilic syndrome comprising inhibiting the differentiation from Th0 cells to Th2 cells by administering ~~A pharmaceutical composition for use~~

~~as a Th2 differentiation inhibitor comprising~~ a compound represented by Formula (I):





wherein each of ring A and~~,~~ ring B ~~and ring C~~ is independently an optionally substituted benzene ring; ~~aromatic carbocyclic ring or an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which may be fused with a benzene ring, and~~

ring C is an optionally substituted pyridine ring;

~~when ring A, ring B and/or ring C is an optionally substituted 5-membered heterocyclic ring, W^1, W^2 and/or W^3 is a bond;~~

X is a single bond, -O-, $-CH_2-$, $-NR^1-$ (wherein R^1 is hydrogen, optionally substituted lower alkyl, lower alkenyl or lower alkylcarbonyl) or -S(O)-p- wherein p is an integer of 0 to 2;

Y is hydrogen, optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkoxy, optionally substituted lower alkenyl, optionally substituted lower alkynyl, optionally substituted acyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, optionally substituted

cycloalkenyl, optionally substituted lower alkoxycarbonyl, optionally substituted sulfamoyl, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic group;

R^1 and Y taken together may form $-(CH_2)m-$, $-(CH_2)_2-T-(CH_2)_2-$ wherein T is O, S or NR', -CR'=CH-CH=CR'-, -CH=N-CH=CH-, -N=CH-N=CH-, $-C(=O)-O-(CH_2)_r-$, $-C(=O)-NR'-(CH_2)_r-$ or -C(=O)-NR'-N=CH- wherein m is 4 or 5, r is 2 or 3 and R' is hydrogen, lower alkyl or lower alkenyl;

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Y may be halogen when X is $-CH_2-$ or $-NR^1-$ and

Y may be optionally substituted lower alkylsulfonyl or optionally substituted arylsulfonyl when X is -O- or $-NR^1-$;

both V^1 and V^2 are single bonds or one of V^1 and V^2 is a single bond and the other is -O-, -NH-, $-OCH_2-$, $-CH_2O-$, -CH=CH-, $-C\equiv C-$, $-CH(OR^2)-$wherein R^2 is hydrogen or lower alkyl, -CO-, $-NHCHR^3-$ or $-CHR^3NH-$ wherein R^3 is hydrogen or hydroxy,

or a prodrug, pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) The method ~~pharmaceutical composition for use as a Th2 differentiation inhibitor~~ as claimed in Claim 1

wherein X is -O- or -NR^1-, wherein R^1 is hydrogen, lower alkyl or lower alkenyl.

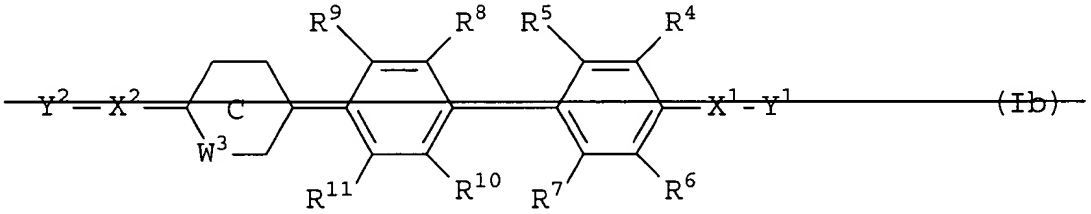
3. (Currently Amended) The method ~~pharmaceutical composition for use as a Th2 differentiation inhibitor~~ as claimed in Claim 1 wherein Y is optionally substituted lower alkyl or optionally substituted lower alkenyl.

4. (Currently Amended) The method ~~pharmaceutical composition for use as a Th2 differentiation inhibitor~~ as claimed in Claim 1 wherein both of V^1 and V^2 are single bonds.

5. Canceled.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for treating graft immune diseases (chronic GVHD), ulcerative colitis, systemic lupus erythematodes, myasthenia gravis, systemic progressive scleroderma, rheumatoid arthritis, interstitial cystitis, Hashimoto's diseases, Basedow's diseases, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, Goodpasture's syndrome, atrophic gastritis, pernicious anemia, Addison diseases, pemphigus, pemphigoid, lenticular uveitis, sympathetic ophthalmia, primary

biliary cirrhosis, active chronic hepatitis, Sjogren's syndrome, multiple myositis, dermatomyositis, polyarteritis nodosa, rheumatic fever, glomerular nephritis, lupus nephritis, IgA nephtopathy, allergic encephalitis, atopic allergic diseases, bronchial asthma, airway inflammation, allergic rhinitis, allergic dermatitis, allergic conjunctivitis, pollinosis, urticaria, food allergy, Omenn's syndrome, vernal conjunctivitis or hypereosinophilic syndrome comprising inhibiting the differentiation from Th0 cells to Th2 cells by administering ~~A pharmaceutical composition for use as a Th2 differentiation inhibitor comprising~~ a compound represented by Formula (Ib):



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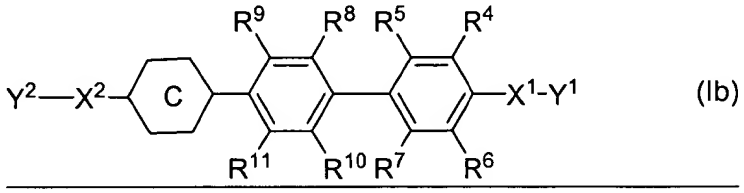

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wherein ring C is an optionally substituted pyridine ring, ~~5 or 6 membered heterocyclic ring containing 1 or 2 hetero atoms, and when ring C is a 5 membered heterocyclic ring, W^3 is a bond and other symbols have the meanings defined in Claim 5,~~

each of R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8, R^9, R^{10}, and R^{11} is independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkoxy, carboxy or lower alkoxycarbonyl;

each of X^1 and X^2 is independently -O-, $-CH_2-$ or -NH-;

each of Y^1 and Y^2 is independently optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted arylalkyl or optionally substituted lower alkenyl,

or a prodrug, pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

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7. (Currently Amended) A method for treating graft immune diseases (chronic GVHD), ulcerative colitis, systemic lupus erythematodes, myasthenia gravis, systemic progressive scleroderma, rheumatoid arthritis, interstitial cystitis, Hashimoto's diseases, Basedow's diseases, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, Goodpasture's syndrome, atrophic gastritis, pernicious anemia, Addison diseases, pemphigus, pemphigoid, lenticular uveitis, sympathetic ophthalmia, primary biliary cirrhosis, active chronic hepatitis, Sjogren's syndrome, multiple myositis, dermatomyositis, polyarteritis nodosa, rheumatic fever, glomerular nephritis, lupus nephritis, IgA nephtopathy, allergic encephalitis, atopic allergic diseases, bronchial asthma,

airway inflammation, allergic rhinitis, allergic dermatitis, allergic conjunctivitis, pollinosis, urticaria, food allergy, Omenn's syndrome, vernal conjunctivitis or hypereosinophilic syndrome comprising inhibiting the differentiation from Th0 cells to Th2 cells by administering ~~A pharmaceutical composition for use as a Th2 differentiation inhibitor comprising~~ a compound represented by Formula (Ic):

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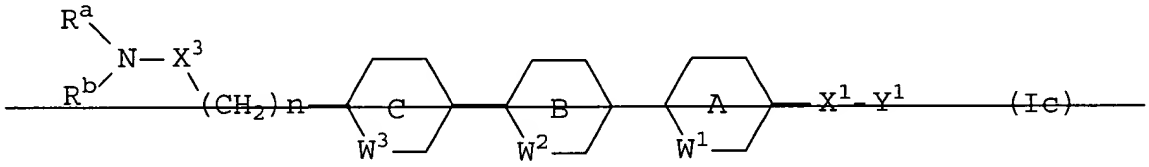

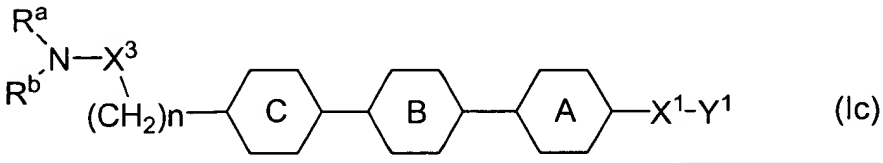

wherein each of ring A and~~,~~ ring B ~~and ring C~~ is independently an optionally substituted benzene ring;

ring C is an optionally substituted pyridine ring; ~~or an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring containing 1 or 2 heteroatoms, and~~

~~when ring A, ring B and/or ring C is an optionally substituted 5-membered heterocyclic ring, W^1, W^2 and/or W^3 is a bond;~~

X^1 is -O-, -CH_2-, or -NH- and Y^1 is optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted arylalkyl or optionally substituted lower alkenyl; ~~have the meanings defined in Claim 5;~~

X^3 is -O- or -NH-;

each of R^a and R^b is independently hydrogen, optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, optionally substituted acyl, optionally substituted lower alkoxycarbonyl or optionally substituted lower alkylsulfonyl, or they are taken together to form $R^cR^dC=$ or $-(CR^eR^f)s-$;

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each of R^c and R^d is independently hydrogen, optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkenyl, optionally substituted lower alkynyl, optionally substituted lower alkoxy, optionally substituted lower alkylthio, optionally substituted lower alkenyloxy, optionally substituted lower alkynyloxy, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclyl or they are taken together with a carbon atom to which they are attached to form optionally substituted cycloalkylidene;

each R^e is independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy or amino, and each R^f is independently hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy or amino;

n is an integer of 0 to 2 and s is an integer of 2 to 6,

or a prodrug, pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

8. - 10. Canceled.

11. (Currently Amended) The method ~~pharmaceutical composition for use as a Th2 differentiation inhibitor~~ as claimed in Claim ~~5 or~~ 6 wherein one of R^4 and R^5 is hydrogen, hydroxy or lower alkyl and the other is hydrogen or halogen, and both of R^6 and R^7 are hydrogens.

12. (Currently Amended) The method ~~pharmaceutical composition for use as a Th2 differentiation inhibitor~~ as claimed in Claim ~~5 or~~ 6 wherein each of R^8 and R^{11} is independently hydrogen, hydroxy, lower alkyl or lower alkoxycarbonyl, and each of R^9 and R^{10} is independently hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy or lower alkoxycarbonyl.

13. Canceled.

14. (Currently Amended) The method ~~pharmaceutical composition for use as a Th2 differentiation inhibitor~~ as claimed in Claim ~~5 or~~ 6 wherein one of X^1 and X^2 is -O- and the other is -NH-.

15. (Currently Amended) The method ~~pharmaceutical composition for use as a Th2 differentiation inhibitor~~ as claimed in Claim ~~5 or~~ 6 wherein each of Y^1 and Y^2 is independently optionally halogen-substituted lower alkyl or optionally halogen-substituted lower alkenyl.

16. (Currently Amended) The method ~~pharmaceutical composition for use as a Th2 differentiation inhibitor~~ as claimed in Claim ~~5 or~~ 6 wherein one of $-X^1-Y^1$ and $-X^2-Y^2$ is prenylamino and the other is prenyloxy.

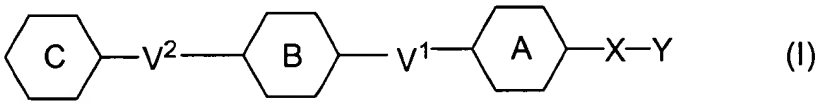
17. Canceled.

18. (Currently Amended) The method ~~pharmaceutical composition for use as a Th2 differentiation inhibitor~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~any one of Claims 1 to 16~~ wherein the disease is selected from the group consisting of ~~which is a therapeutic and/or prophylactic~~

~~agent against~~ ulcerative colitis, systemic lupus erythematodes, ~~myasthenia gravis or~~ lupus nephritis and rheumatoid arthritis.

19. Canceled.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting the differentiation from Th0 cells to Th2 cells comprising administering a compound represented by Formula (I):



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wherein each of ring A and ring B is independently an optionally substituted benzene ring;

ring C is an optionally substituted pyridine ring;

X is a single bond, -O-, $-CH_2-$, $-NR^1-$ (wherein R^1 is hydrogen, optionally substituted lower alkyl, lower alkenyl or lower alkylcarbonyl) or -S(O)-p- wherein p is an integer of 0 to 2;

Y is hydrogen, optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkoxy, optionally substituted lower alkenyl, optionally substituted lower alkynyl, optionally substituted acyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkenyl, optionally substituted lower alkoxycarbonyl, optionally substituted sulfamoyl, optionally substituted amino,

optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic group;

R^1 and Y taken together may form $-(CH_2)m-$, $-(CH_2)_2-T-(CH_2)_2-$ wherein T is O, S or NR', -CR'=CH-CH=CR'-, -CH=N-CH=CH-, -N=CH-N=CH-, $-C(=O)-O-(CH_2)_r-$, $-C(=O)-NR'-(CH_2)_r-$ or -C(=O)-NR'-N=CH- wherein m is 4 or 5, r is 2 or 3 and R' is hydrogen, lower alkyl or lower alkenyl;

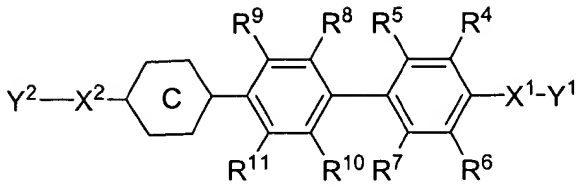
Y may be halogen when X is $-CH_2-$ or $-NR^1-$ and

Y may be optionally substituted lower alkylsulfonyl or optionally substituted arylsulfonyl when X is -O- or $-NR^1-$;

both V^1 and V^2 are single bonds or one of V^1 and V^2 is a single bond and the other is -O-, -NH-, $-OCH_2-$, $-CH_2O-$, -CH=CH-, $-C\equiv C-$, $-CH(OR^2)-$ wherein R^2 is hydrogen or lower alkyl, -CO-, $-NHCHR^3-$ or $-CHR^3NH-$ wherein R^3 is hydrogen or hydroxy, ~~the compound represented by Formula (I) according to Claim 1~~ or a prodrug, pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

21. - 23. Canceled.

24. (New) A method for inhibiting the differentiation from Th0 cells to Th2 cells comprising administering a compound represented by Formula (Ib):



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wherein ring C is an optionally substituted pyridine ring,

each of R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8, R^9, R^{10}, and R^{11} is independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkoxy, carboxy or lower alkoxycarbonyl;

each of X^1 and X^2 is independently -O-, $-CH_2-$ or -NH-;

each of Y^1 and Y^2 is independently optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted arylalkyl or optionally substituted lower alkenyl,

or a prodrug, pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.